

A M E N D M E N T T O T H E C L A I M S

1. (Currently amended) A method for providing to customers and merchants a quick and automatic way to carry out an offer, acceptance, and delivery sequence for goods, comprising:
 - receiving a customer's private data at a server associated with a merchant, said data being received from a customer database on an insitu communication device associated with a customer, and said data at least ~~concerning goods previously bought by~~ comprising a past transaction history associated with said customer ~~from said merchant~~;
 - checking inventory for goods as characterized by said data; and
 - computing a price for said goods;
 - receiving a payment authorization from said insitu customer device; and
 - providing said goods to said customer.

2-23. (Cancelled)

24. (New) A system, comprising:
 - a local, fixed-position wireless merchant order device at least configured to:
 - detect the presence of a nearby portable communication device associated with a customer;
 - receive an order from the customer device, the order indicating at least one of a product and a service desired by the customer; and
 - receive a customer past transaction history from a customer database on the customer device;
 - a local, fixed-position wireless merchant pickup device at least configured to:
 - receive at least one of a digital signature and a message authentication code from the customer device;
 - a server in communication with the merchant order device and the merchant pickup device, the server having a merchant database for storing at least one of a cryptographic key,

merchant product information, merchant service information, supplier information, inventory information, and payment information, wherein the server is at least configured to:

check at least one of an inventory and an availability for the at least one of a product and a service; and

compute a price, based at least in part on the customer past transaction history, for the at least one of a product and a service; and

a local distribution device in communication with the server, the distribution device at least configured to:

receive a command from the server; and

provide the at least one of a product and a service to the customer.